The Inauguration Of
David A. Busic

Ninth President of
Nazarene Theological Seminary

October 28, 2011
David A. Busic, D.D.

Dr. David Busic is the ninth president of Nazarene Theological Seminary. His election on August 31, 2011, by the Board of Trustees, was precipitated by the resignation of Dr. Ronald P. Benefiel.

Dr. Busic, 47, is a native of Central Oklahoma and was raised in Bethany. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Nazarene University, and the Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. In 2010, Southern Nazarene University conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree to him. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Theology and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Dr. Busic was ordained in the Church of the Nazarene in 1991. After serving in associate pastor roles in Oklahoma and Kansas, he served three churches as senior pastor: Vineyard Community Church of the Nazarene in Livermore, California; Central Church of the Nazarene in Lenexa, Kansas; and most recently the historic congregation of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, Oklahoma. During his tenure there, Dr. Busic helped initiate and establish the Swaziland Partnership in 2007 to help reduce the HIV/AIDS rate and to assist vulnerable children in Swaziland, Africa.

Dr. Busic has a distinguished tradition of service to the International Church of the Nazarene. He has served as a member of the General Board, the governing body of the denomination, from 2009 to present. During this time he was also elected President of the USA National Board. From 2005 to the present, Dr. Busic continues to serve as a member of the Board of General Superintendents’ Thought Partners, a think tank for critical issues facing the Church of the Nazarene.

Other denominational boards, councils, and positions Dr. Busic has served include Northern California District Nazarene Youth International President, Kansas City District Advisory Board, Northwest Oklahoma District Advisory Board, and Oklahoma District Advisory Board. He has also served on the Nazarene Theological Seminary Board of Trustees, Southern Nazarene University Board of Trustees, and as Adjunct Professor of Preaching at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Dr. Busic has published numerous articles, co-authored two books, A Pastor’s Guide to Effective Preaching and Sharing My Faith, and was co-editor of Preacher’s Magazine: A Preaching Resource in the Wesleyan Tradition from 2000 to 2007. His preaching is widely respected throughout the church, making him a sought after speaker and leadership advisor.

Dr. Busic and his wife, Christi, currently reside in Kansas City, Missouri. They have three grown children, Megan, and husband, Joel Cantwell; Benjamin, and wife, Alicia; and Madison.
Service of Inauguration
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*HYMN - “THE SOLID ROCK”
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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

REFRAIN:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev’ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His Blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

WORDS, EDWARD MOTE, 1834
MUSIC, WILLIAM BRADBURY, 1863
INTRODUCTIONS OF SPECIAL GUESTS
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DR. ROGER HAHN

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
Come, let us use the grace divine,
   And all with one accord
In a perpetual cov’nant join
   Ourselves to Christ, the Lord.

Give up ourselves, thro’ Jesus’ pow’r,
   His name to glorify;
And promise in this sacred hour
   For God to live and die.

The cov’nant we this moment make
   Be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake,
   Or cast His words behind.

We never will throw off His fear
   Who hears our solemn vow;
And if Thou art well-pleased to hear,
   Come down and meet us now.

To each the cov’nant blood apply,
   Which takes our sins away;
And register our names on high
   And keep us to that day.

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PRESIDENT, NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, Thy child shall I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, Bright Heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TRADITIONAL IRISH HYMN, CA. 8TH C.; TR. BY MARY BYRNE, 1905
VERSIFIED BY ELEANOR HULL, 1912

*HYMN – “BE THOU MY VISION”
DR. KEITH SCHWANZ

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All are invited to a reception in the formal lounge and in the
William Broadhurst Library immediately following the service.
Dr. and Mrs. Busic will receive guests in the Library throughout the evening.
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1859 UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY
Leavenworth, Kansas

1867 DREW UNIVERSITY
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
Madison, New Jersey

1899 SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
Bethany, Oklahoma

1899 AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
Azusa, California

1900 EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE
Quincy, Massachusetts

1901 TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
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Nashville, Tennessee

1901 CENTRAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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Bourbonnais, Illinois

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1947 FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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1957 MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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The History of Nazarene Theological Seminary

The Church of the Nazarene, founded in 1908, has since its beginning stressed the importance of education. It started and developed a number of denominational colleges to meet the demand of its constituents for college training, and for some time it relied on the religion departments of its colleges as the principal means for training its ministry. However, during the quadrennium of 1940-1944, sentiment favoring the establishment of a central theological school grew rapidly and finally crystallized in an action of the Annual Conference of the District Superintendents held in Kansas City, January 5-6, 1944, recommending that the Board of General Superintendents appoint a Seminary Commission to study the need for such an institution. On January 10, 1944, the Board of General Superintendents appointed the commission: Russell V. DeLong, chairman; M. A. “Bud” Lunn, secretary; E. O. Chalfant; M. Kimber Moulton; and Harlan Heinmiller.

The commission reported its findings to the Eleventh General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene held in Minneapolis in June 1944. This assembly authorized the establishment of the Seminary as a graduate institution of the Church of the Nazarene. The first Seminary Board of Trustees was then elected, and the name Nazarene Theological Seminary was chosen. The Board of Trustees unanimously selected Kansas City as the Seminary’s location.

At a special meeting in Kansas City, September 1944, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Hugh C. Benner as the Seminary’s first president.

Meeting in January 1945, the Board of Trustees elected the following full-time faculty: Russell V. DeLong, District Superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District, as Dean and Professor of Philosophy of Religion; Ralph Earle, Professor of Greek and New Testament at Eastern Nazarene College, as Professor of Greek and Bible; L. A. Reed, Pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Chicago, as Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry; Mendell Taylor, Dean and Professor of History at Bethany Nazarene College, as Registrar and Professor of Church History; and Stephen S. White, Professor of Philosophy and Theology at Olivet Nazarene College, as Professor of Theology.

NTS started its first school year in September 1945 in temporary quarters with sixty-one enrolled. The Nazarene Publishing House generously provided space for administrative offices and a classroom on the first floor of the General Editorial Building, 2901 Troost, Kansas City; and the management of the denominational headquarters building extended a similar courtesy in providing NTS with its main classrooms and chapel. The library was housed in the renovated coach house of the Headquarters property.

In January 1950, a ten and a half acre site was purchased at 1700 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City. An administration and classroom building was erected on this campus in 1954. A library building was added in 1966. In 2008, NTS took possession of the King Conference Center, Commons, and additional land that brought the campus to a total of twenty-five acres.